

To: City Attorney
From: Petro Langdon - Home Owner
Re: Case Number CI File No: 03-s-420

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2003 DEC 10 PM 4:30
RONALD L. LEDWART
CITY CLERK

Thank you for your response to my original letter. I was very disappointed at your decision to deny my claim. Your comment that the sewer in question was on a three year cleaning schedule and therefore the city was not liable is rather disturbing. The problem with the sewer backing up into my basement was directly caused by work done by city employees on that sewer. I have a hard time understanding why the work that is done by city employees on that sewer should be held harmless when I the homeowner must bare the blunt of the damaged caused by city employees. I did not request that work be preform on that sewer, so please explain to me why you are not liable? If your employees had not worked on that sewer the problem with my basement would not have occurred.

I am a elderly (70+) city of Milwaukee homeowner. I have always paid my taxes and tried hard to be a good citizen. I am on a fixed income and I can not afford the payment for the damaged that was caused. The only thing I am seeking is fairness. Please reconsider your decision. I would be more then happy to meet with you or your staff to discuss this further. I know you will make the right decision.

We are also requesting a hearing.

Thanks in Advance

Petro Langdon
4260 N. 24th Place
Mil. WI 53209

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CC: The Office of Marvin Pratt

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RONALD S. LEONHARDT

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October 24, 2003

City of Milwaukee
City Clerk
ATTN: CLAIMS
200 E. Wells St., Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3567

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is official notification that I am filing a claim against the City of Milwaukee for damages which occurred to my home, specifically in my basement, on October 13, 2003.

The damage occurred at 4260 N. 24th Place at approximately 8:30am. The damage to my basement was flooding as a result of backup of sewage water.

My plumber, Budget Repair, was contacted immediately due to the amount of water on the basement floor. The plumber tried to initially unclog the drain pipe with the snake instrument but was unsuccessful. He then had to pump the water out of the basement. Since the problem was not solved, the plumber contacted the City Sewage Department.

A gentleman by the name of Rickey Edwards came to my property to inspect the damage. He determined that the flooding was due to objects blocking the sewage line which, in turn, resulted in the backup. Mr Edwards advised that I contact the City and file a claim.

As a result of the flooding, many items stored in the basement was damaged or destroyed and had to be discarded. Attached is an itemized list of the items that incurred damage. Unfortunately, receipts are not available for the items since many of the items have been in the basement for quite some time. Additionally, many of those items had sentimental value which cannot be replaced. As a result, these are fair estimates of the cost to replace the damaged and destroyed items.

Itemized List

4 Bedspreads \$240
4 sets of sheets \$160
Numerous christmas decorations \$200
Clothing \$300
Albums \$200
Carpet taken up \$200

Total: \$1300

Out of pocket expenses

Plumber \$250 (Copy of receipt attached)
Cleaning materials \$10

Total: \$260

It is my hope that you be fair in your assessment and be accountable for the damage caused by the City.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Petro Langdon'.

Petro Langdon
(414)445-7482

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SOLD TO		SHIPPED TO		DATE	
DETROIT		Budget Repair		10/3/03	
4260 N. 24th		PH# ~ 875-0545			
Milwaukee WI		Co/# 324-5881			
SALESPERSON	ORDER NO.	TERMS	FOB	DATE SHIPPED	SHIPPED VIA
ASP	Pharm	Ch.			
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION			PRICE	AMOUNT
1	SNAKE Sewer Drain			SERVIC	
2					
3	System pump out water			CALL	
4					
5	From Basement call city				
6					
7	Sewer Dept To Check				
8					
9	Sewer Found Grease Clog				
				Total	1250.00

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Total				250.00